



THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Epiphany
January 6, 2019

Nursery

Our nursery is available for infants through 4-year-olds from 8:45 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. The nursery is located in the Sunday School Building. Nursery Director Meg Zehmer and Nursery Assistant Cassie Vestal will be happy to help you get your child settled into the nursery.

Worship bags

We provide worship bags that contain a coloring page based on the Gospel reading of the day. They are in the front of Little St. Mary's and in the wood bins near the entrances to New St. Mary's.

Sermons available

Find past sermons available on St. Mary's website at stmarysgoochland.org/sermons to hear audio and download print versions.

Connect with us

We would love to learn more about you! If you are a visitor, please pick up a **welcome card** from one of our ushers or in the back of a pew.

Would you like to write for us? Contact Ashley Cameron at acameron@stmarysgoochland.org

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite One, *Little St. Mary's*
10 a.m. Sunday School and Youth Gathering, *Sunday School Classrooms and Education Building*
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite Two, *New St. Mary's*
Noon Meet & Greet Reception for Emily, *Parish Hall*

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A WEEKLY REFLECTION

My wife Emmy and I have been watching 'Call the Midwife' on Netflix. It's a new discovery even though it aired eight years ago. It's a wonderful story of an order of Anglican nuns who serve as midwives and care-givers living in one of the toughest neighborhoods of London's East End in the late 1950's. In a recent episode, a local constable asks Sister Julianne what had motivated a young woman who had recently abandoned her newborn. Sister Julianne replies that there are only two things that motivate any of us: love or fear.

Of course, we human beings are mysterious creatures and so, who knows why any of us does what we do sometimes! But the clarity of Sister Julianne's observation is a pretty good place to start.

It's natural this time of the year to look ahead. And I ask myself, am I looking ahead to what this year will bring with love or fear. Or maybe, even, with a little bit of both. As a part of a self-evaluation for our wardens, I've been asked to look ahead and articulate what I see as the important priorities for the people of St. Mary's in our holy calling to be disciples of Jesus in our world. I can quickly rattle off about a dozen or so things! But more and more, before rattling off that list of things, it's important to wonder what is motivating us. Do we look ahead with love or with fear? Or a little of both!

The Prophet Jeremiah spoke a most beautiful word from God for those who look to the future. This word came to the children of Israel in exile in Babylon, far from home, who had every reason to live from fear and not love. Jeremiah proclaimed: "Thus says the Lord...For surely I know the plans I have for you...plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me...." (Jeremiah 29:11-13a)

The year before us already feels like a gift from God. And what will we do with this gift that God is giving us? Well, God knows. And so shall we as we learn to live, more and more, from love, and for love.

David May

WELCOME! Whether it is your first Sunday at St. Mary's, or your 401st, we're glad that you're with us. Please feel free to introduce yourself to a greeter, an usher, or one of our clergy, and **consider filling out a welcome card.** We invite you to join us on future **Sundays** at 9 a.m. for Eucharist or at 11 a.m. for Eucharist or Morning Prayer, on Wednesdays for **Noonday Prayer** at 12 p.m. in beautiful and quaint Little St. Mary's, for a **class** or **Bible study**, or for many of our other **fellowship** and **outreach** offerings. **Little St. Mary's** and **New St. Mary's** are also **open** Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and available to you for prayer and reflection. See the back page to get a sense of what we have going on around St. Mary's.

PLEASE WELCOME EMILY BRUCH!

St. Mary's is excited to welcome Emily Bruch as the new Director of Youth Ministries! Emily is a graduate of Douglas Freeman High School, class of 2012, and the University of Mary Washington, class of 2016, where she earned a B.A. in Religious Studies. After graduating, Emily served at Eastern Shore Chapel Episcopal Church in Virginia Beach as the Director of Youth and Family Ministry. **This new role for Emily answers both a desire to come home and to focus exclusively on youth ministries.** David wrote, "I experienced Emily in our interviews as deeply grounded in prayer and a living faith. She has – among many other gifts – a quiet clarity of mind and a deeply soul-full presence. **She is centered, strong, and has (in her words) a 'goofy' kind of personality!**" We welcome Emily with a **commissioning for her new ministry this morning at the 11 a.m. service and there is a meet and greet reception after the 11 a.m. service in the Parish Hall.** As Emily wrote, "I look forward to seeing how the Holy Spirit works through the youth at St. Mary's."

SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Forum rescheduled for this morning. Unfortunately, our guest speaker Ben Sparks has rescheduled for the Spring. **There is no Adult Forum this morning. We invite you to come grab a cup of coffee in Café area and have fellowship in the Dover Lounge.** Please stay tuned for upcoming forum information.

Men's Spiritual Practice resumes this Tuesday, January 8 at 7:30 a.m. Bob Hetherington invites men of all ages to participate in a spiritual practice. This offering is a **one-hour time of silence, reflection, sharing, and prayer** that focuses on the Gospel reading for the following Sunday.

Lectionary Bible Study returns this week. Everyone is welcome! Each Bible study session is led by University of Richmond Professor Frank Eakin and focuses on the Lectionary readings assigned for the following Sunday. The next gathering is this **Wednesday, January 9 at 10 a.m. in the Library.**

The Women's Book Study returns this week. Women of all ages are invited to join Ashley Barlow and Amelia McDaniel for **four weeks on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.** beginning **this Thursday, January 10** in the Parish Office for a book study on *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith* by **Barbara Brown Taylor.** In this bestseller, Taylor shares "how she learned to find God beyond the church walls by embracing the sacred as a natural part of everyday life." **Come gather for a lively conversation!** Pick up a copy in the Café area.

FELLOWSHIP

Join us this **Tuesday, January 8 at 12 p.m.** for an enjoyable time at the **Seniors Lunch!** Adults of all ages are invited to a **homemade, delicious lunch** and an engaging program! **This month's speaker** is St. Mary's own David May as he speaks about "my life away from the round collar." **Suggested donation is \$5;** please call Elizabeth Baker at (804) 784-5678 to RSVP.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The January 2019 schedule is now available for Acolytes. St. Mary's hopes you will volunteer for a Sunday service in the New Year. Please sign up via Sign Up Genius or email Elizabeth Baker at ebaker@stmarysgoochland.org.

Sunday School for ages 4 years to 5th grade returns this morning at 10 a.m. All youth from 6th grade through 12th grade are invited to **come gather and welcome Emily** in the Pool Room during the 10 o'clock hour this morning.

Youth Group returns in a couple of weeks! Save the date for fun and fellowship on **Sunday, January 20 at 4:30 p.m.** in the Education Building.

STEWARDSHIP

What an amazing year at St. Mary's! We are so grateful that each and every one of you is part of this community, and we celebrate all that took place during this exciting year in the life of St. Mary's. **Since the conclusion of the 8-week 2019 Annual Giving Campaign, St. Mary's 2019 pledge total has increased to \$1,011,663! We are so close to our \$1.1M goal!** Please help us close the gap. If you haven't **picked up a pledge card**, they are available at the back of the church. You can also pledge online at stmarysgoochland.org/pledge, email Mike Koschak at mkoschak@stmarysgoochland.org or call (804) 784-5678. Thank you!

CARITAS UPDATE

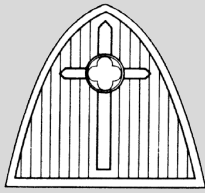
St. Mary's CARITAS Committee has an update for everyone. This is typically the time of year where we begin gearing up for CARITAS and sign up boards go up in the Dover Lounge. However, for 2019 the week has changed. St. Mary's will **host as a women's shelter from Saturday, May 4 – Saturday, May 11.** Please put those dates on your calendar and stay tuned for more information! **If you would like to be a part of the planning committee**, please email Charmaine Trice at nesting7800@yahoo.com.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting of St. Mary's Church, Dover Parish, will convene at 10 a.m. on Sunday, January 27, 2019 in New St. Mary's. Regular services will continue at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. During the meeting at the 10 o'clock hour, the people of **St. Mary's Church will elect four new members of the Vestry** and hear reports from the Treasurer, Finance Committee, the Rector, the Senior Warden, and other leaders of the congregation.

CONNECT WITH US!

- ❖ **New to St. Mary's?** First time or returning visitor? Please help us get to know you by filling out a **welcome card** found in the back of every pew.
- ❖ **Are you following us on Instagram?** We love sharing fun facts, behind the scenes, and our beautiful campus. Make sure to **follow us @stmarysgoochland**
- ❖ **Do you like our Facebook page?** You can find recent sermons, reflections, information about upcoming events, pictures from events, and more by liking us at facebook.com/St.MarysGoochland



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Seth Schaeffer and **Scott Stephens**

This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, January 6

Holy Eucharist Rite One, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Sunday School and Youth Gathering, 10 a.m., *Sunday School Classrooms and Education Building*
Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Meet and Greet Reception for Emily, 12 p.m., *Café and Parish Hall*

Tuesday, January 8

Men's Spiritual Practice, 7:30 a.m., *Parish Office*
Fellowship Committee, 9 a.m., *Parish Office*
Seniors Lunch, 12 p.m., *Parish Hall*
Staff Meeting, 2 p.m., *Rector's Study*

Wednesday, January 9

Lectionary Bible Study, 10 a.m., *Library*
Noonday Prayer, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*

Thursday, January 10

Outreach Committee, 8 a.m., *Parish Office*
Pastoral Care Team 2, 5 p.m., *Rector's Study*
Women's Book Study, 7:30 p.m., *Parish Office*
Adult Choir, 7:30 p.m.,

Saturday, January 12

A.A., 10 a.m., *Education Building Classroom*

Sunday, January 13

Holy Eucharist Rite One, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Sunday School and Confirmation Class, 10 a.m., *Sunday School Classrooms and Education Building*
Holy Eucharist Rite Two with Holy Baptism, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Cookies and Coffee, 11 a.m., *Café and Parish Hall*
Children's Ministry Committee, 12:15 p.m., *Parish Office*

Coming Up

Wednesday, January 16

Noonday Prayer, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Pastoral Care Team 3, 4 p.m., *Rector's Study*
Parish Supper, 5:30 p.m., *Parish Hall*

Sunday, January 20

Holy Eucharist Rite One, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Sunday School and Confirmation Class, 10 a.m., *Sunday School Classrooms and Education Building*
Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Cookies and Coffee, 10 a.m., *Café and Parish Hall*
Youth Group, 4:30 p.m., *Education Building*

Monday, January 21

Church Office Closed

Sunday, January 27

Annual Parish Meeting, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*